

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
displaying, to a user, a first web document received from a first server, the first web document further comprising a search engine result set;
receiving in a client application an interest signal generated in response to a user action, the interest signal indicating to the client application that the user has an interest in a hyperlink included displayed as part of the search engine result set in a first the first web document, the hyperlink referencing a second web document;
automatically generating in the client application a request signal in response to the interest signal and sending the request signal to a second server to request a text extract, the text extract comprising text data previously extracted from the second web document and stored separately from the second web document for online third-party provided information about the second document, wherein the third-party provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;
receiving the text extract in response to the request signal third-party-provided information; and
causing the third-party-provided information to be output displaying the text extract to the user in association with the first web document, in response to the interest signal.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising logging the interest signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party-provided information comprises user-related
information in response to the request signal; and
displaying the user-related information to the user.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the user-related information comprises query-related information.
5. (Cancelled).
6. (Cancelled).
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party-provided information comprises past-user information
in response to the request signal; and
displaying the past-user information to the user.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein the past-user information comprises a user-supplied rating of the second web document.
9. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the past-user information comprises at least one of: a period of linger time, a quantity of repeat visits, a quantity of repeat queries, and a quantity of click-throughs.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a genre of the second
web document in response to the request signal; and
displaying the genre to the user.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party provided information comprises a relationship of the
first and second web documents in response to the request signal; and
displaying the relationship to the user.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Cancelled)
14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party provided information comprises a query corresponding
to the second web document in response to the request signal; and
displaying the query to the user.
15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party provided information comprises a comparison between
content from the first web document and content from the second web document in response to
the request signal; and
displaying the comparison to the user.
16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving wherein the third-party provided information comprises a cached representation
of a previously-available second web document in response to the request signal; and
displaying the cached representation to the user.
17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interest signal comprises an
indication of a pointing device hovering over the hyperlink.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the interest signal comprises an indication of a
right-click of a pointing device on the hyperlink.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises displaying the ~~third-party-provided information~~ text extract in an overlay over the first web document.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the overlay comprises a tooltip.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises displaying the text extract ~~third-party-provided information~~ in a status bar.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises displaying the text extract ~~third-party-provided information~~ in a right-click menu.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises displaying the ~~third-party-provided information~~ text extract in a pop-up window.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises displaying the ~~third-party-provided information~~ text extract in a persistent window.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises displaying the ~~third-party-provided information~~ text extract with the first web document.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output displaying the text extract to the user~~ in association with the first web document comprises audibly outputting the text extract ~~third-party-provided information~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output~~ displaying the text extract to the user in association with the first web document comprises outputting the ~~third-party-provided information~~ text extract through a haptic device.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~output~~ displaying the text extract to the user in association with the first web document comprises ~~outputting~~ displaying a hyperlink referencing a third web document, the third web document comprising the text extract ~~third-party-provided information~~.

29. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method comprising:
transmitting a first web document to a client application, the first web document further comprising a search engine result set;

receiving a request from the client application a request signal requesting a text extract comprising text data previously extracted from a second web document referenced by a hyperlink displayed as part of the search engine result set in the first web document and stored separately from the second web document, the request signal being automatically generated based on receiving, in the client application, an interest signal generated in response to a user action, the interest signal indicating to the client application that the user has an interest in the hyperlink for online third-party-provided information about a second document referenced by a hyperlink included in a first document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;

retrieving the text extract in response to the request signal third-party-provided information; and

generating an information signal comprising the retrieved text extract, the information signal configured to cause the text extract third-party-provided information to be output in association with the first web document.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising logging the request.
31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal further ~~third-party-provided information~~ comprises user-related information.
32. (Original) The method of claim 31, wherein the user-related information comprises query-related information.
33. (Cancelled)
34. (Cancelled)
35. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal further ~~third-party-provided information~~ comprises past-user information.
36. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 35, wherein the past-user information comprises a user-supplied rating of the second web document.
37. (Original) The method of claim 35, wherein the past-user information comprises at least one of: a period of linger time, a quantity of repeat visits, a quantity of repeat queries, and a quantity of click-throughs.
38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal further ~~third-party-provided information~~ comprises a genre of the second web document.
39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal ~~third-party-provided information~~ comprises a relationship of the first and second web documents.
40. (Cancelled)

41. (Canceled)

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal ~~third-party provided information~~ comprises a query corresponding to the second web document.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal ~~third-party provided information~~ comprises a comparison between content from the first web document and content from the second web document.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the information signal ~~third-party provided information~~ comprises a cached representation of a previously-available second web document.

45. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein ~~output~~ causing the text extract to be output in association with the first web document comprises causing the text extract to be displayed ~~displaying the third-party provided information~~ in an overlay.

46. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the overlay comprises a tooltip.

47. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first web document comprises causing the text extract to be displayed ~~displaying the third-party provided information~~ in a status bar.

48. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first web document comprises causing the text extract to be displayed ~~displaying the third-party provided information~~ in a right-click menu.

49. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first ~~web~~ document comprises ~~causing the text extract to be displayed~~ displaying the third-party-provided information in a pop-up window.

50. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first ~~web~~ document comprises ~~causing the text extract to be displayed~~ displaying the third-party-provided information in a persistent window.

51. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first ~~web~~ document comprises ~~causing the text extract to be displayed~~ displaying the third-party-provided information with the first ~~web~~ document.

52. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first ~~web~~ document comprises ~~causing the text extract to be audibly output~~ audibly outputting the third-party-provided information.

53. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first ~~web~~ document comprises ~~causing the text extract to be output~~ outputting the third-party-provided information through a haptic device.

54. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein causing the text extract to be output in association with the first ~~web~~ document comprises ~~causing~~ outputting a hyperlink referencing a third ~~web~~ document to be output, the third ~~web~~ document comprising the ~~text extract~~ third-party-provided information.

55. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising code for:
displaying, to a user, a first web document received from a first server, the first web document further comprising a search engine result set;

receiving in a client application an interest signal generated in response to a user action, the interest signal indicating to the client application that the user has an interest in a hyperlink included displayed as part of the search engine result set in a first the first web document, the hyperlink referencing a second web document;

automatically generating in the client application a request signal in response to the interest signal and sending the request signal to a second server to request a text extract, the text extract comprising text data previously extracted from the second web document and stored separately from the second web document for online third-party-provided information about the second document, wherein the third-party-provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;

receiving the text extract in response to the request signal third-party-provided information; and

causing the third-party-provided information to be output outputting the text extract to the user in association with the first web document, in response to the interest signal.

56. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 55, further comprising program code for logging the interest signal.

57. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium on which is encoded program code, the program code comprising code for:

transmitting a first web document to a client application, the first web document further comprising a search engine result set;

receiving a request from the client application a request signal requesting a text extract comprising text data previously extracted from a second web document referenced by a hyperlink displayed as part of the search engine result set in the first web document and stored separately from the second web document, the request signal being automatically generated based on receiving, in the client application, an interest signal generated in response to a user action, the interest signal indicating to the client application that the user has an interest in the

~~hyperlink for online third-party provided information about a second document referenced by a hyperlink included in a first document, wherein the third party provided information comprises a content snippet of the second document provided by a source other than a publisher or author of the second document, and wherein the content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document;~~

retrieving the text extract in response to the request signal ~~third party provided~~ information; and

generating an information signal comprising the retrieved text extract, the information signal configured to cause the text extract ~~third party provided information~~ to be output in association with the first web document.

58. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 57, further comprising program code for logging the request.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the text data is content snippet ~~comprises a portion of text found in the second document~~ sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second web document.

63. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 29, wherein the text data is content snippet ~~comprises a portion of text found in the second document~~ sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second web document.

64. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 55, wherein the text data ~~is content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document~~ sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second web document.

65. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 57, wherein the text data ~~is content snippet comprises a portion of text found in the second document~~ sufficient to approximate usefulness of all content in the second web document.

66. (New) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 55, wherein the program code further comprises code for:

receiving in the client application a selection signal generated in response to the user action, the selection signal indicating that the user has selected the hyperlink displayed in the first web document;

automatically generating in the client application a selection request in response to the selection signal and sending the request signal to an address specified by the hyperlink;

receiving the second web document in response to the selection signal; and

outputting the second web document in response to the selection signal.

67. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first server comprises a search engine.

68. (New) The method of claim 67, further comprising generating the text extract at the search engine based on crawling a web site storing the second web document.

69. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the client application further comprises a browser-enabled JavaScript application.

70. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first and second servers collectively comprise a single server.